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The equipment has been used in two completed Ph.D. Dissertations, one published manuscript, and several conference papers. Results from the work is summarized below:

- 1) Combining luminant and equiluminant motion streams the work resulted in two studies presented at ARVO and a manuscript published in Perception [1,2,3]. The main result from this work is that the perceived direction of motion of equiluminant moving dots is not effected by the motion of luminant dots until the difference in their direction of motion is sufficiently close (i.e. <30 degrees).
- 2) Page and RSVP reading speed under luminant and equiluminant conditions for normal and disabled readers -- This work has resulted in a presentation at ARVO and a Ph.D. dissertation [4,5]. The main result is that for normal readers, equiluminant text dramatically slows reading speeds for page reading while having significantly less impact on RSVP reading speed rates. A secondary result is that RSVP presentation to disabled readers improved their reading speed but not as dramatically as that experienced by normal readers.
- 3) Eliminating motion blur through modulo switching circuits -- This work resulted in a Ph.D. dissertation [6]. Any device which senses light by integrating energy at a point, such as a video camera or our own eyes, will exhibit motion blur. Our main result is to demonstrate through computer simulation the elimination of motion blur using several layers of locally controlled switching networks.
- 4) Computational model of chromatic motion perception -- This work was presented at the conference on Mathematical Psychology [7]. The main result is that the perceived slowing of motion at equiluminance can be modeled by an adaptive computational structure where there are differences in the adaptive learning rates between informational channels. This suggests that the perceptual phenomena surrounding equiluminant stimuli may be the result of learning differences between neuronal pathways.

The availability of this equipment in 1994 was crucial to our being awarded an LEQSF grant (LEQSF-RCS-95-98) which supported the graduate and undergraduate students who maintained the laboratory and performed much of the work.

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